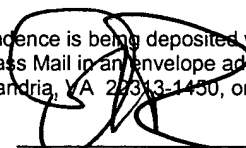


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**I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE
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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 15, 2005, for which the three-month date for response was May 15, 2005.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This extension will bring the due date to July 15, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/CLFR:183US.

An **Amendment to the Specification** is provided at page 3. A **Listing of Claims** is provided at page 4 of this paper; **Remarks** begin at page 8.